

live in Minnesota, has yet to be repealed. In August of this year, members of the Dakota community took part in a walk through South Dakota to the Minnesota border, symbolizing the unjust forcible removal of all Dakota people from Minnesota in 1863.

The healing from the War is ongoing; honoring those we lost and remembering our complicated past should not be limited to anniversaries of the conflict. We should use this year of reflection to inform a more inclusive view of history, an appreciation of how far we've come, and recognition of all we must do to continue to support our Native communities today.

CONGRATULATING MR. GREGG POLLACK, RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S INNOVATORS UNDER 40 AWARD

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2012*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Gregg Pollack, winner of the Governor's Innovators Under 40 Award. Mr. Pollack is the founder and CEO of Envy Labs, a technology consulting company based in Orlando, Florida.

Envy Labs, which Mr. Pollack founded in 2009, specializes in website and mobile application design and development, and works on a broad variety of projects from web development to branding to user interface design. Through an open and creative work environment, Envy Labs focuses on producing excellent products and services while investing in their employees' personal and professional lives.

The Governor's Innovators Under 40 Award is one of Governor Rick Scott's 2012 Innovators in Business Awards, which are designed to recognize outstanding contributions toward growing and diversifying Florida's economy. The Innovators Under 40 Award is presented to Florida residents under the age of 40 who own or lead a Florida company with annual revenue of \$1 million or more and who have created at least 10 jobs since January 2011.

Through Mr. Pollack's direction, Envy Labs has grown and expanded to include a school with courses in coding and web design called Code School. Envy Labs is also active in the Orlando tech community, hosting tech events and camps downtown. Mr. Pollack is to be congratulated for the hard work and innovation he has demonstrated, and for the contributions to Florida's economy that this award honors. He is well deserving of this recognition. May his work inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

HONORING THE HOUSTON TEXANS ON WINNING THEIR 2ND STRAIGHT AFC SOUTH DIVISION TITLE

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2012*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Houston Texans

on clinching their 2nd straight AFC South Division Title. The Texans are a relatively new franchise, established in 2002. They currently lead the AFC race for home field advantage throughout the playoffs. As an avid Texans fan, I am proud to honor the Houston Texans on this great achievement.

I would like to submit the following article: "Texans Cement Supremacy in Division and Look Beyond" by Tom Spousta, printed in The New York Times, December 17, 2012:

HOUSTON—Arian Foster and Dwight Freeney embraced at midfield and, after a few heartfelt words, began pulling their shoulder pads over their heads. They exchanged jerseys, Foster giving up his Houston Texans No. 23 and Freeney handing over his Indianapolis Colts No. 93—one that will hang in Foster's collection to commemorate Houston's second consecutive AFC South division title.

The Colts officially acquiesced Sunday to the supremacy of the Texans, who own the AFC's best record at 12-2 but whose dominance somehow still remains questioned as the playoffs approach.

They beat Indianapolis, 29-17, in spectacularly efficient fashion before a raucous crowd at Reliant Stadium. A modest locker room celebration followed, but the Texans know a greater validation of their season will come with a top seed and home-field advantage for the postseason.

"You always have to bask in the moment of winning a division championship, but I think the expectations we put on ourselves and everybody puts on us are much bigger than that," said Foster, who had 27 carries for 165 yards, 131 of those coming in the second half. "We're proud of what we've done here, but we've got more to go."

Indianapolis (9-5) lost a chance to earn a wild-card berth with two games to play, including the season finale at home against the Texans, who gave the Colts plenty to fix before then.

Matt Schaub was 23 of 31 passing for 261 yards and guided an offense that did not commit a turnover. Eleven of those completions went for 151 yards to Andre Johnson, who caught a touchdown pass and surpassed 11,000 yards for his career.

Shayne Graham kicked five field goals, and Bryan Braman blocked a punt for a touchdown. Houston's defense atoned for its poor performance in last week's 42-14 loss at New England, allowing only one third-down conversion and sacking Andrew Luck five times, three of those coming from J. J. Watt.

Luck finished 13 of 27 for 186 yards behind an offensive line missing two starters. He threw a 61-yard touchdown pass to T. Y. Hilton and an 8-yarder to Dwayne Allen. But a key Colts drive in the second quarter resulted in their costliest error, when Mewelde Moore fumbled at the Texans' goal line after being hit by Watt and the ball was recovered by Tim Dobbins.

"We got back to what we are as a football team," Texans Coach Gary Kubiak said. "Protecting the ball, running the ball, playing solid defense. That's how we win."

Watt, who paid tribute to the shooting victims in Newtown, Conn., by writing the town's name on one of his gloves, finished with 10 tackles and now has an AFC-leading 19.5 sacks.

The Colts owned an odds-defying 8-1 record this season in games decided on the final possession, so there was no cause for panic after the Texans grabbed a 20-10 halftime lead. But Indianapolis generated little momentum in the second half and finished with 272 total yards, compared with 417 yards for the Texans.

"It was a tough loss for us," Bruce Arians, the Colts' interim coach, said. "We came

here with one idea and that was to win the division and we're not going to win the division. They did it, and my hat is off to the Texans, and we'll see them in a couple weeks."

RECOGNITION OF CYPRUS' PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2012*

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Republic of Cyprus as their first rotating European Union (EU) Presidency comes to a close. The past six months have been lauded as a very productive presidency and I would like to honor the importance of this accomplishment for a small—yet still occupied and divided—country like Cyprus. Some of the most notable accomplishments show a continued commitment to human rights and democratic governments.

During Cyprus's presidency they oversaw the implementation of Iran sanctions—the toughest EU measure to date. The EU was also awarded the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of its longtime commitment to promoting peace, as well as reconciliation, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. Furthermore, the EU focused on steps needed to eradicate human trafficking during the sixth EU Anti-Trafficking Day conference entitled, "Working Together Towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings: The Way Forward."

Mr. Speaker, as a friend and ally of the United States, I would like to congratulate Cyprus on a productive EU presidency. This is an important moment in the history of Cyprus and as a stable democracy dedicated to human rights and religious freedom; I wish to honor this significant event.

RECOGNIZING FUN SPOT ACTION PARK OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 BRASS RING AWARD FOR THE BEST FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER IN THE COUNTRY FROM IAAPA

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2012*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. John Arie and his family on Fun Spot Action Park of Orlando, Florida having received the 2012 Brass Ring Award for the Best Family Entertainment Center in the country from the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. This is a prestigious award and deserves special recognition for the hard work and dedication that went into this outstanding accomplishment.

The Arie family is well deserving of this recognition for their unfailing dedication and leadership in the family entertainment center industry. In receiving this award, they have demonstrated many character qualities, including enthusiasm, diligence and remarkable